



SAT Vocabulary Cram (Pre-Test)

Dear Student:

So you're taking the SAT soon. Perhaps you have prepared well. Or not. Either way, we bet you're willing to do a little cramming for an hour if it really could make a difference in your SAT Reading score. Yes? If so, check out the following. This quiz, loaded with hard words that might show up on your test, is hard. However, if you want, you CAN learn these words in around an hour with Brainscape. Good Luck!

-The Brainscape Team

INSTRUCTIONS: Please select the best answer to each of the following 10 questions. Then check your answers on the second page. If you struggle, and you likely will, go to www.brain-scape.com or grab our free SAT Vocabulary Essentials app on iTunes!

1. Define the following: “Denouement”

- (A) the boundary or scope of something
- (B) relief during a time of struggle
- (C) an outcome or solution to complex events
- (D) selfless concern for others

2. Define the following: “Miscegenation”

- (A) fallacious reasoning
- (B) any mixture or hybrid
- (C) a questionable remedy or placebo
- (D) depravity; baseness

3. Define the following: “Froward”

- (A) intractable; stubbornly disobedient
- (B) dark, gloomy, dismal
- (C) relevant, suitable, or fitting
- (D) open to suggestion or criticism

4. Define the following: “Pelagic”

- (A) calm; serene
- (B) relating to the open sea
- (C) arrogant; overbearing
- (D) insensitive; having no feeling

5. Define the following: “Genuflect”

- (A) to mitigate; to alleviate
- (B) to argue for or against
- (C) to weaken or reduce in value
- (D) to worship; to grovel

6. “Shining radiantly” is the definition of:

- (A) limpid
- (B) depredated
- (C) refulgent
- (D) proscribed

7. “To smirk” is the definition of:

- (A) gainsay
- (B) parley
- (C) simper
- (D) regale

8. “Hard to excite; sluggish” is the definition of:

- (A) phlegmatic
- (B) callous
- (C) protean
- (D) punctilious

9. “Furious; enraged” is the definition of:

- (A) obstreperous
- (B) factitious
- (C) fulsome
- (D) apoplectic

10. “To cheat or deceive “ is the definition of:

- (A) cozen
- (B) palliate
- (C) wend
- (D) purloin



SAT Vocabulary Cram (Pre-Test Answers)

1. Define the following: “Denouement”

(C) an outcome or solution to complex events

The DENOUEMENT of the oil spill crisis is still to be determined.

2. Define the following: “Miscegenation”

(B) any mixture or hybrid

The MISCEGENATION of ingredients in the dish did not work for the chef (or his customers)!

3. Define the following: “Froward”

(A) intractable; stubbornly disobedient

The FROWARD mule sat and refused to move.

4. Define the following: “Pelagic”

(B) relating to the open sea

The PELAGIC organism was found only in the deepest part of the ocean.

5. Define the following: “Genuflect”

(D) to worship; to grovel

The king’s subjects GENUFLECTED when he entered the room

6. “Shining radiantly” is the definition of:

(C) Refulgent

The REFULGENT palace seemed out of place amid the poverty of the villages surrounding it.

7. “To smirk” is the definition of:

(C) simper

Dave SIMPERED a feeble attempt at an apology.

8. “Hard to excite; sluggish” is the definition of:

(A) phlegmatic

Pete’s PHLEGMATIC response was difficult for his friends to read.

9. “Furious; enraged” is the definition of:

(D) apoplectic

When Jim found out he was fired, he apoplectically stormed out of the office.

10. “To cheat or deceive “ is the definition of:

(A) cozen

The corrupt televangelist COZENED money from viewers by lying about charitable intentions.

Answer Key: (1) c, (2) b, (3) a, (4) b, (5) d, (6) c, (7) c, (8) a, (9) d, (10) a

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